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1. Three jet-propelled aircraft, flying individually and at varying altitudes, were observed over GORKI (43°55'E/56°20'N). The front part of the fuselage was longer than the part aft of the wings (see Annex). The slightly dihedral wings were swept back to the rear. The rudder assembly was in the shape of shark fins. When the aircraft ascended, two thickening white stripes about the width of the fuselage were seen behind. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] the jet fighters were observed several times each week. 25X1

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25X1X 2. [redacted] the appearance of jet-propelled aircraft (wings swept back to the rear) in [redacted] and [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] the aircraft took off from and landed at the airfield located beside the aircraft plant on the western town border.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: This report is particularly important since it contains the first usable statements on a jet fighter type with swept back wings. This plane is very probably one of the latest types of the 1948 design. As compared to the planes shown on 3 August 1947, all novel jet fighter types at the parade on 25 July 1948 had the following characteristic features: Swept back wings, rudder assembly resembling fish fins, highset elevator assembly (the latter feature was not stated in this report). Further information is required to clarify whether this aircraft type is equipped with two power plants (as was inferred from this report). This aircraft is assumed to be a newly constructed type being produced by the GORKI Aircraft Plant [redacted] 25X1

1 Annex: Jet-Propelled Aircraft Observed Over the GORKI Airfield.

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